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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

AUBURN JOURNAL - To serve and commute / Editor's Note: This is the last of a three-part series investigating the effects of high home prices in foothill communities / Auburn police officer Dan Coe is sworn to protect and serve his community, and during his nine years on the force, he's made hundreds of arrests, traffic stops and responded to countless emergency situations. But Coe, like nearly 80 percent of the officers serving on the Auburn Police Department, is unable to live in the city he's pledged to defend...

http://www.auburnjournal.com/articles/2005/03/20/news/top_stories/01growth.txt

LODI NEWS-SENTINEL - High rates, prices make owning a home out of reach for most in San Joaquin County / Seemingly in defiance of economic laws, both interest rates and housing prices are going up in Northern California. But some economists warn that home values could finally be leveling off. On Thursday, mortgage company Freddie Mac issued a report noting that interest rates have hit a seven-month high...

http://www.lodinews.com/articles/2005/03/18/news/05_housing_050318.txt

MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD - FAMILIES WELCOME HOUSING UPGRADE

Pajaro: Dilapidated complex to be razed for 63-unit project / Long years of living in unsafe hovels are about to end for Maria Orozco and her family, along with more than 60 other families in Pajaro. Orozco has spent 10 years living in a cramped, dilapidated, two-bedroom apartment with her five children and two grandchildren in the dusty town...

<http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/montereyherald/11180001.htm>

SAN LUIS OBISPO TRIBUNE - Trustees approve faculty housing: The board OKs \$24 million plan to build 69 homes; construction at Highway 1 and Highland Drive expected to begin next month / Within two years, Cal Poly may start selling 69 new homes just off campus to faculty and staff at prices well below the community's soaring market rates. University administrators hope doing so can help overcome one of the primary reasons recruits don't take jobs here...

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/mld/sanluisobispo/news/11169893.htm>

SANTA ROSA PRESS DEMOCRAT - Housing for mentally ill gets more HUD funds: Additional \$300,000 will allow groundbreaking in April / A proposed Petaluma apartment building for people with mental illnesses is back on track after federal housing officials provided an additional \$300,000. Jay Zlotnick, executive director of Buckelew Programs, said Friday that the extra money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development...

<http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050321/NEWS/503210328/1033/NEWS01>

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

INSIDE BAY AREA - Builders raise the roof on eco-friendly homes / ARCHITECT Maurice Levitch remodeled his Berkeley home with green touches from skylights to recycled denim insulation to solar electric rooftop panels. Resources for Community Development built the affordable Northgate Apartments in Oakland with environmentally friendly linoleum flooring and double-glazed aluminum frame windows...

http://www.insidebayarea.com/businessnews/ci_2614977

THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE - Officials, developers must get in sync with growth: Developers must juggle adding attractive amenities with costs to homebuyers / The Inland Empire needs to pave the way for growth rather than be steamrolled by it, regional policymakers say. "We can no longer allow development to proceed without consideration of how we are going to pay for infrastructure and services," county supervisor Jeff Stone said...

http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_D_propside20.f225.html

LAND USE / PLANNING

MARIN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL - Oxford Canyon rails against new homes / Residents of San Rafael's Oxford Canyon are fighting a proposed development to build homes in their neighborhood - again. Developer Russell Shaw has filed an application with the county to subdivide...

<http://www.marinij.com/Stories/0,1413,234~24407~2774278,00.html#>

MODESTO BEE - Riverbank wants answers before houses: Developers will need to address effect on city before building / RIVERBANK — Developers proposing communities on the city's fringe will have to show how their projects could be built without burdening sewers and other public facilities in Riverbank. The Riverbank City Council unanimously approved the requirement last week...

<http://www.modbee.com/local/story/10170756p-10988116c.html>

VENTURA COUNTY STAR - County cities doing their part toward smart growth: Official sees area's beauty, history as advantages [Registration required] - So-called smart growth has been a tough sell in Ventura County. "We've had so much dumb growth that smart growth seems like an oxymoron to people in Ventura County," said Rick Cole, Ventura's city manager...

http://www.venturacountystar.com/vcs/county_news/article/0,1375,VCS_226_3636998,00.html

Cities with solutions: Forum will feature principles of successful redevelopment / Three years ago, Jasmine List, her husband and their three small children lived in a four-bedroom house on four acres just off a golf course in Mississippi. Today, the family rents a 760-square-foot, no-bedroom loft above Cold Stone Creamery in vibrant downtown Brea -- an area that 20 years ago was dominated by a dilapidated concrete plant...

http://www.venturacountystar.com/vcs/county_news/article/0,1375,VCS_226_3636980,00.html

SACRAMENTO BEE - Editorial: Roseville City Council takes lead on housing /

Here's something you can be sure of: As cities throughout this region try to build more housing inside the existing bounds of their communities rather than sprawling outward, there will be neighborhood resistance...

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/opinion/story/12589944p-13444302c.html>

GROWTH / URBAN-RURAL CONFLICT

MODESTO BEE - Valley farmers grow more with less / The popular "survivor" reality shows have nothing on farmers in the Northern San Joaquin Valley. Farmers are the ultimate survivors. Squeezed by urban development, faced with flat prices as well as rising environmental and labor costs...

<http://www.modbee.com/local/story/10160645p-10978312c.html>

SACRAMENTO BEE - Vision collides with fiscal reality: Yolo County has made preserving prime farmland its top priority. But a financial price has been paid for steering around the development game / Yolo County stands apart in a region consumed by growth. Just a river away from the amorphous suburban spread of metropolitan Sacramento, its landscape remains one of distinct towns...

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/12596217p-13450600c.html>

STOCKTON RECORD - Tulloch dwellers unite to protect lifestyle / ...That's why Williams and others have united to form a group to protect water quality, recreation opportunities and property values in the Tulloch area. The new Lake Tulloch Alliance will include representatives from six major homeowners associations that face similar growth-related issues -- namely, how to allow development to continue without compromising the lake...

<http://www.recordnet.com/daily/news/articles/032105-gn-1.php>

REAL ESTATE

LOS ANGELES TIMES - Hotter than Beverly Hills 90210: As some upscale spots cooled, lower-priced communities sizzled in the latter half of 2004: Lynwood 90262 was among places to buy / The across-the-board gains enjoyed in recent years by homeowners from Palmdale to San Pedro and Covina to Calabasas may no longer be a given. When economists with the UCLA Anderson Forecast last week offered their latest outlook for the California economy...

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-re-zips20mar20,1,6444354.story?coll=la-headlines-business>

SACRAMENTO BEE - Driven to the edge: Home buyers look far afield to cut costs / Like many who grow up in the shadow of the Sutter Buttes, Terrie Bird wanted to get right out of Yuba City as a high school graduate in 1971. She was off to college and to see the world. More than 30 years later, the Roseville resident finds herself considering a move back to her hometown...

http://www.sacbee.com/content/homes/re_news/story/12589599p-13444052c.html

Fence in greenbelt divides neighbors: Natomas residents feud over an encroachment approved by officials / To solve a backyard drainage problem - complete with fence-drenching sprinklers - at their Natomas home, Eugene and Linda Winther took what some might see as an unusual step. They pushed their fence more than 2 feet into a communally owned greenbelt...

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/12600847p-13455203c.html>

CONTRA COSTA TIMES - SMART MOVES/ ELLEN JAMES MARTIN / With planning, multi-generations can live together -- Before having elderly parents move in with you, give ample consideration to housing arrangements as well as the dynamics of interpersonal relationships / Nowadays it's not uncommon for relatively young couples to find themselves raising offspring and looking after elderly parents at the same time... <http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/11171581.htm>

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS - Rental real estate market rebounds: Demand grows for apartments, condos in 4th quarter [Inman News] / Demand for rental apartment homes continued to gain momentum in the fourth quarter of 2004, according to the latest Multifamily Market Index, released Thursday by the National Association of Home Builders. Meanwhile, the same survey showed no signs of the hot condo market cooling off... <http://www.car.org/index.php?id=MzAxMzE=#>

HOMELESSNESS

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE - New help for the homeless: City's unique volunteer program is growing into a genuine civic movement / Amme Hill had never talked to a homeless person before, never helped out at a soup kitchen. She's a busy yoga instructor in San Francisco. Even though her heart went out to desperate people she saw on the street, she never found an opportunity to turn her compassion into action... <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/03/21/MNGPVBSH351.DTL>

SACRAMENTO BEE - Homeless line up for shelter space: Bed shortage will worsen in April / As the overcast sky began to drip Friday afternoon, David McKay showed up at the Salvation Army shelter, as he has every weekday for more than a week, to keep himself on the waiting list. He was No. 39. There were no new openings for beds at the North B Street shelter... <http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/12600844p-13455202c.html>

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – 3/18/2005
California Regional Bulletin - California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in February 2005, steady with January 2005, which was also 5.8 percent, but below the year-ago rate of 6.4 percent... <http://www.calmis.ca.gov/SpecialReports/EconomicBulletin.pdf>

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE - State's unemployment rate remains 5.8% in February -- 27,600 more workers started collecting paychecks during the month, agency reports / California employers put another 27,600 workers on the payroll in February as the state's unemployment rate held steady at 5.8 percent, the Employment Development Department said Friday... <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/03/19/BUGS1BRRGT1.DTL>

LOS ANGELES TIMES - State Adds Jobs, Helped by Housing / In a sign that California is beginning to keep pace with national economic growth, employers in the state added 27,600 net new jobs in February, the best showing since October, the Employment Development Department reported Friday... <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-caljobs19mar19,1,2808859.story?coll=la-headlines-business>

PASADENA STAR-NEWS - County's jobless rate declines: Growth in several sectors credited / Los Angeles County's jobless rate fell to 6 percent in February from 6.6 percent the prior year on solid job growth in a variety of sectors, according to a state agency report released Friday. The countywide employment picture showed continued improvement from a year ago...

<http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/Stories/0,1413,206~11848~2770758,00.html#>

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUN - Area growth best in SoCal / The number of people employed in San Bernardino and Riverside counties grew by 31,200 in the 12-month period ending in February, the state Employment Development Department reported Friday...

<http://www.sbsun.com/Stories/0,1413,208%257E12581%257E2771730,00.html?search=filter#>

CONTRA COSTA TIMES - Job growth better in East Bay / The East Bay job market was weaker than normal during February, but during the past 12 months, the Alameda-Contra Costa region posted the biggest employment gains in the Bay Area, data released Friday indicated. The softness in employment growth in the East Bay may be only a temporary setback, however... [Registration required]

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/business/11179313.htm>

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS - Silicon Valley adding few jobs / Silicon Valley seems to be clawing its way out from the bottom of the jobless pit, but so slowly that it's barely noticeable. Employers in Santa Clara and San Benito counties added 6,400 jobs in February, for the largest January-to-February gain since 2000, according to a report released Friday by the state...

<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/11179116.htm>

SACRAMENTO BEE - State seeing growth in jobs / California employers added 27,600 jobs in February, state officials reported Friday. The most significant expansion came in the construction and the professional and business services industries, which added about 10,700 and 9,200 payroll positions, respectively...

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/business/story/12589594p-13444055c.html>

SACRAMENTO BUSINESS JOURNAL - Jobless rate here ebbed in February / Unemployment in the four-county Sacramento area declined slightly, from a revised figure of 5.4 percent in January to 5.3 percent in February, according to preliminary data released Friday by the state Employment Development Department...

http://sacramento.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2005/03/14/daily36.html?jst=b_in_hl

DEMOGRAPHICS

SACRAMENTO BEE - Daniel Weintraub: The path of immigration: Each generation of Latinos does better in California / For California, the coming decades will be a time of enormous changes, many of them unprecedented in scope. Over the next few months, Daniel Weintraub will explore the dynamics of these changes, the challenges and opportunities that they pose for California and what the state must do now to prepare for them...

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/columns/weintraub/story/12589927p-13444303c.html>

URBAN DEVELOPMENT / INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE – JOHN KING: Urban planners put microscope on Bay Area / ...Stursma is among 6,000 urban planners who for the next three days will be looking at San Francisco and the Bay Area more intently than the rest of us. He's a member of the American Planning Association, which is holding its national conference here for the first time since 1994...

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/03/21/BAG29BSEUA1.DTL>

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE - Boom felt across globe -- China's voracious appetite for materials drives up costs in West U-T special report: The dragon awakes / By Dean Calbreath / SHANGHAI, China – From the Cloud 9 bar atop the world's highest hotel, a visitor can get a bird's-eye view of the world's largest construction boom, which has fueled price increases and market disruptions around the globe...

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/business/20050321-9999-lz1n21china.html>

REDEVELOPMENT

SILICON VALLEY – SAN JOSE BUSINESS JOURNAL - San Jose RDA asks rule shift / By Timothy Roberts / The San Jose Redevelopment Agency is lobbying the state legislature for two bills that would allow the RDA to extend the life of its most prosperous development district by 10 years and allow it to create new redevelopment zones around rail and transit stations...

<http://sanjose.bizjournals.com/sanjose/stories/2005/03/21/story1.html>

Report paints grim picture of North San Jose redevelopment / By Sharon Simonson / The redevelopment of North San Jose into a far denser, more urban area supporting thousands more jobs and residents means notably dirtier air on a local and regional basis and worse traffic congestion at 51 intersections in San Jose and three neighboring communities...

<http://sanjose.bizjournals.com/sanjose/stories/2005/03/21/story5.html>

CHICO ENTERPRISE RECORD - Redevelopment group to discuss gap in housing / PARADISE - The Paradise Redevelopment Advisory Committee will discuss the affordable housing gap during its meeting Wednesday in Town Hall...

<http://www.chicoer.com/Stories/0,1413,135~25088~2771678,00.html#>

LOS ANGELES TIMES - In Vallejo, a Lesson in Converting El Toro: Bay Area city's experience with its naval shipyard is instructive for Orange County, where the same developer is doing the makeover / VALLEJO, Calif. — There's a lesson here amid the rusting cranes and vacant warehouses of Mare Island Naval Shipyard, the 152-year-old military base that once dominated this bay-front Northern California city: Nothing happens fast on a closed Navy base...

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-vallejo21mar21.story>

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE - DOWNTOWN BROWN: Oakland's mayor has made dramatic progress in his ambitious plan to bring 10,000 new residents to the city's core / When Mayor Jerry Brown took office and said he wanted to bring 10,000 new residents to downtown Oakland, it sounded like an overdue reply to Gertrude Stein's famous put-down. There is a there here, Brown seemed to say. Or, rather, there will be a there here if enough people buy condos in Oakland...

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/03/20/REGTLBPTH1.DTL>

ENVIRONMENT

THE PRESS- ENTERPRISE - National eyes on Colton's plight / SPOTLIGHT: The struggle over an endangered fly's protection has attracted Penn & Teller's attention / COLTON - Having city officials, such as Councilman John Mitchell, call a tiny fly's decade-long grip on Colton development "absolutely ridiculous" is nothing new. Having that sentiment echoed across the country is...

http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_D_fly21.5801a.html

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